

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

BScHons Applied Science Structure (12243034)

Minimum duration of study

1 year

Total credits

128

Programme information

The BScHons (Applied Science) degree is conferred by the following academic departments:

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering
- Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
- · Mining Engineering

Any specific module is offered on the condition that a minimum number of students are registered for the module, as determined by the relevant head of department and the Dean. Students must consult the relevant head of department in order to compile a meaningful programme, as well as on the syllabi of the modules. The relevant departmental postgraduate brochures must also be consulted.

Admission requirements

An appropriate bachelor's degree, a BTech degree or equivalent qualification is required for admission.

Other programme-specific information

The remainder of the credits to be chosen from the modules prescribed for the BEngHons (Structural Engineering) programme, as approved by the relevant head of department, and after completion of the appropriate modules as listed.

The modules CPB 410, CBI 410 and CSS 420 do not form part of the postgraduate block presentations. Individual arrangements have to be made with the relevant lecturer regarding attendance of lectures, study material, tests and assignments.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 128

Core modules

Basic structural analysis 790 (SIC 790)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 40 Contact hours

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Civil Engineering

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Virtual work and influence lines, analysis of statically indeterminate structures (two and three-dimensional), slope-deflection, superposition, stiffness and flexibility methods, matrix and computer methods, plastic analysis of portal frames.

Basic structural design 793 (SIC 793)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 40 Contact hours

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Civil Engineering

Period of presentation Year

Module content

This course comprises two sections: reinforced concrete design and structural steel design.

Reinforced concrete design covers the design of beams; behaviour and design of slabs; design of slender columns and columns subjected to bi-axial bending; design of simple and combined footings; staircase design; and an introduction to prestressed concrete.

Structural steel design covers the characteristics of steel; design of structural steel members including elements in bending, and bending combined with tension and compression; design of portal frames; composite construction and the bending resistance of composite sections; and plastic design.

Civil research 780 (SSC 780)

Module credits 32.00

Contact time 8 contact hours per year

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Civil Engineering



Period of presentation Year

Module content

*This is a compulsory module.

The course will require all honours students to conduct research in an appropriate field of civil engineering, linked to the main discipline in which the student specializes for their honours degree.

Elective modules

Steel design 776 (SIN 776)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 40 Contact hours

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Civil Engineering

Period of presentation Year

Module content

A research term paper will be prepared.

Introduction to structural reliability, tension elements, buckling of plates in compression elements, compression elements, beams and plate girders, plastic analysis and design of structures and structural elements, connections, composite design and steel-framed structures.

Reinforced concrete design 778 (SIN 778)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 40 Contact hours

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Civil Engineering

Period of presentation Year

Module content

A research term paper will be prepared.

Material properties. Behaviour and analysis of reinforced concrete members for flexure, axial loads, flexure plus axial load and shear. Cracking and deflection (short- and long-term) of flexural members. Plasticity in flexural members. Braced and unbraced slender columns.

Infrastructure management 790 (SSI 790)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 40 Contact hours



Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Civil Engineering

Period of presentation Year

Module content

A research term paper will be prepared.

This module will cover the following topics: Asset Management principles, Maintenance Management principles, Maintenance strategies and philosophies, Condition based Maintenance, Reliability Centred Maintenance (RCM), Resource Management, Maintenance Management Systems, Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) and Risk Management. Maintenance management of the following disciplines will be studied in detail: Road infrastructure, Railway infrastructure, Airport infrastructure, Buildings and other structures, Water resources and water supply.

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